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SUBJECT: PRIVATE VISIT TO US BY KING MOSHOESHOE

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I. DEPARTMENT AND USICA HAVE PREPARED REVISED PROPOSALS
FOR PRIVATE VISIT TO US BY KING MOSHOESHOE SEPTEMBER
1-10. THESE DATES ARE SATISFACTORY TO USG BUT WISH TO
POINT OUT THAT THEY INCLUDE TWO WEEKENDS ONE OF WHICH IS
LABOR DAY HOLIDAY (SEPTEMBER 2-4) MAKING IT IMPOSSIBLE TO
PROGRAM ALL APPOINTMENTS ORIGINALLY SUGGESTED IN REF (C).
IF HM'S SCHEDULE IS FIRM BECAUSE OF UNIVERSITY CALENDAR
OR OTHER COMMITMENTS, PROPOSE FOLLOWING PROGRAM TO TAKE
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FRIDAY, SEPT. 1 - ARRIVE NEW YORK MID-DAY. APPOINTMENTS
WITH CRS AND POSSIBLY AAI ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON. (FYI:
USUN IS CONSIDERING ORGANIZING A COLLOQUIUM ON INVESTMENT
IN LESOTHO AT ABOUT THIS TIME AS SUGGESTED TO AMBASSADOR
YOUNG BY LESOTHO'S FORMER UN PERMREP MOLAPO AND IS
INTERESTED IN THE POSSIBILITY OF INVITING THE KING TO
ATTEND IF HE DOES ARRIVE IN NEW YORK ON THIS DATE. END

FYI.) CRS HAS INDICATED TENTATIVE INTEREST IN HOSTING DINNER FOR HM FRIDAY EVENING.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 2 - NEW YORK - BOTH CARE AND AAI ARE ANXIOUS TO MEET WITH HM BUT STATE "IMPOSSIBLE" ARRANGE OFFICE MEETINGS ON SATURDAY. WE ARE ATTEMPTING FIT APPOINTMENTS INTO CROWDED FRIDAY SCHEDULE. IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE, CARE IS WILLING TO HAVE OFFICIAL MEET SATURDAY WITH HM FOR DISCUSSIONS AT RESTAURANT, HOTEL, ETC., BUT STRONGLY PREFERS "PROPER" WEEKDAY VISIT IN CARE OFFICES. REMAINDER OF DAY SIGHTSEEING.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 3/MONDAY, SEPT. 4 - PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS WILL BE VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO OBTAIN DURING THIS HOLIDAY (LABOR DAY) WEEKEND. PROPOSE TO BLOCK OUT THIS TIME FOR HM CONSULTATIONS WITH LESOTHO UN MISSION, IF DESIRED ;FLIGHT TO WASHINGTON AND SOME SIGHTSEEING; AND CONSULTATIONS WITH LESOTHO EMBASSY. BELIEVE LESOTHO EMBASSY MAY WISH TO SCHEDULE SOME FORM OF RECEPTION FOR HM, AND FROM PROGRAM POINT OF VIEW THIS WOULD BE BEST TIME FOR IT.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 5 - WASHINGTON - TOUR OF VOA STUDIOS (IN VIEW OF LESOTHO'S EXPRESSED INTEREST). OVERVIEW OF US AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH, SOIL CONSERVATION AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS AT USDA WITH POSSIBILITY OF VISIT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH CENTER AT BELTSVILLE, MARYLAND. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT HM WISHES KEEP VISIT STRICTLY PRIVATE AND DOES NOT WISH CALL ON DEPARTMENT OR AID/W; IF NOT, PLEASE ADVISE EMBASSY RECOMMENDATIONS. WE DO NOT REPEAT NOT PLAN TO REQUEST WHITE HOUSE APPOINTMENT.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 6 - ALL-DAY VISIT TO WYE PLANTATION, MARYLAND. IN VIEW OF TIME LIMITATIONS, BELIEVE PREVIOUS PROPOSAL OF TRIP TO LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS TO VISIT HEIFER PROJECT AND WINROCK FARMS ANIMAL HUSBANDRY RESEARCH CENTER NOT REPEAT NOT FEASIBLE. WYE PLANTATION, ON EASTERN SHORE APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR FROM WASHINGTON, IS SITE OF SIMILAR ANIMAL HUSBANDRY RESEARCH FACILITY (AND THE NEWLY SELECTED HOME FOR ASPEN INSTITUTE) WHICH HAS BEEN OF INTEREST TO PAST BLS VISITORS. DAYLONG VISIT WOULD ENABLE HM TO DEPART IN LATE AFTERNOON FOR BOSTON.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 7 - BOSTON - HARVARD UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF AFRICAN STUDIES. (BOSTON UNIVERSITY ALSO POSSIBLE IF DESIRED). UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS

HORTICULTURAL AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY FACILITIES AT SOUTH DEERFIELD, MASS., AND/OR SMITH VOCATIONAL AND AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL IN NORTHHAMPTON. BOTH OF THESE INSTITUTIONS APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR DRIVE WEST OF BOSTON. AS SUGGESTED

REF (C), THIS COULD ALSO ALLOW SHORT VISIT TO DEERFIELD HISTORICAL AREA LOCATED NEAR UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS FACILITY.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 8 - MORNING FLIGHT TO ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO. VISIT TO SOLAR-POWERED IRRIGATION EXPERIMENTAL STATION. BY CAR TO SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO, A SMALL, MULTIRACIAL AND CULTURALLY DIVERSE COMMUNITY SERVING AN AREA SIMILAR IN CLIMATE AND TOPOGRAPHY TO LESOTHO. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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VISITS TO RURAL AND URBAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ADULT EDUCATION PROJECTS WITH EMPHASIS ON THEIR RELEVANCE TO LESOTHO CONTEXT.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 9 - USDA AND BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT COORDINATING VISITS TO SELECTED EROSION CONTROL, REFORESTATION, SOIL CONSERVATION, AND DRY/HIGH ALTITUDE AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH FACILITIES, AGAIN WITH EMPHASIS ON RELEVANCE TO LESOTHO IN SANTA FE AREA.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 10 - SIGHTSEEING, REST AND DEPARTURE.

2. WE NEED TO KNOW WHETHER KING'S SCHEDULE IS FIRM OR WHETHER IN VIEW OF "WEEKEND PROBLEM" HE WOULD PREFER ALTERNATIVE DATES. FOR INSTANCE, A LATE NIGHT ARRIVAL ON THURSDAY (AUG. 31) WOULD PERMIT FULL SCHEDULE SEPT 1 FOLLOWED BY WEEKEND IN WHICH TO REST. ASSUME HE PLANS RETURN TO LONDON DIRECTLY; ABOVE SCHEDULE DOES NOT ALLOW FOR BRIEF WEST COAST VISIT PROPOSED REF (C), BUT THIS COULD BE REACTIVATED IF ONE ADDITIONAL DAY WERE AVAILABLE. IF SO, WE WOULD PROPOSE BASING IT ON VISIT TO UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON AFRICAN STUDIES CENTER IN SEATTLE, WITH DEPARTURE DIRECTLY TO LONDON INSTEAD OF RETURNING EAST COAST.

3. WELCOME EMBASSY SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS. VANCE

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